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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear residents and readers,

I really have had an amazing, enjoyable and very busy year representing Whitworth as Mayor so far. As you read this I will be flying to our twin town, Kandel in Germany to have the great honour and privilege to represent Whitworth at their Remembrance Sunday service on the 17th November. I would encourage anyone to visit - a beautiful town with wonderful people. Have you thought about joining the Town Twinning group? They build relationships with residents of our twin town and take part in bi-annual exchange trip.

Our own Remembrance Procession was, once again, a fantastic event which wouldn't be possible without the help of willing volunteers in our community.

Thank-you to everyone who came along to my charity fashion show on the 1st November, we had a fantastic time and managed to raise some well needed funds for the Mayoral Charity Fund. All monies raised will be shared between local groups who work with our young people in Whitworth, I also plan to support Springhill Hospice by donating to them.

Looking forward to the next few months, please save the date for the Christmas lights switch-on on 24th November, I look forward to pushing the plunger along with the colouring competition winners!

As a culmination to my mayoral year I will be hosting the civic dinner in the style of a supper and dance with a VE Day 75 theme to the evening. Look out on our website and in the next issue for details of how to get tickets.

With all best wishes

Councillor Lynda Barnes, Mayor of Whitworth



New Year's Day Duck Race

Wednesday 1st January 2020

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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

For over 12 years Whitworth Town Councils Tourism and Leisure Committee have been running events in Whitworth including the Rushcart and St Georges Days. With recent cuts in funding to the Police the committee are no longer supported at any event that includes a parade in Whitworth. Are you willing to give up a few hours during the year to act as a marshal during the parades, including the Remembrance Sunday in November?



The committee already have a few brilliant marshal's but need more people helping on the day to keep it safe and enjoyable for all. If you are interested in finding out more then please contact Cllr Chorlton on cllrchorlton@gmail.com or info@whitworth.gov.uk

SAVE THE DATE - SPORTS COUNCIL NEWS

Next year's Skyline walk will be on Sunday May 17, starting and finishing as usual at Lobden Golf Club, the direction being clockwise i.e. UP Rooley Moor Road. There will be a Western Skyline of 9 miles, and a Skyline Sunday Stroll of 3 miles, as well as the full 14-miler. Full details in the next Valley News and any offers of help to Jo Furtado (07813 180748) please.



Next year's Whitworth Sports Festival will revert to its traditional week and run from Saturday June 6 to Sunday June 14.

WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has had a very successful last few months culminating in an admiring visit from the Whitworth In Bloom judges who particularly thought the rose garden in the Memorial Gardens quite stunning. In addition, the gardens continue to be a source of beauty and pride in the town and it is good to see them being enjoyed throughout the year.

The Treasurer of the organisation for 35 years, Anita Farrow, was deservedly awarded the Lifelong Achievement Award at the Women of Whitworth ceremony in September. Without Anita and her team of volunteers, the Gardens would not be as attractive and welcoming as they are.



ANGLO RECYCLING CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF TRADING FROM 11/8/1939

Anglo was founded by Hand Neuhaus and a group of Rossendale slipper manufacturers just before the outbreak of war. Hans was a German Jew visiting the valley on a sales trip when his wife (not Jewish) rang him and said it was unsafe for him to return. In a brilliant example of Lancashire community support and cooperation his customers provided the finance for Anglo Felt (name changed to Anglo Recycling in 2008) to be founded.



On August 13th Mr King Macaulay (Managing Director from 1987-1998) unveiled a plaque alongside his son, Simon Macaulay, the current MD. Guests included Mary Bowers aged 94 who joined the company in 1949. Also attending was former MD Peter Riley whose great uncle, Tom Riley, was heavily involved in the early days. Tom went to Germany after the war and brought back Hans' son Ralph to join his father in England. Ralph would also later run the business for a period.

The company has had ups and downs and virtually closed in the 1980's. In his speech to staff and guests Simon Macaulay commented "Anglo has always had a strong Christian heritage. The company today employs 45 people and profitability is at record levels. We owe much to those who have gone before but also to the current MD, Andy Hall, who joined us in 2013 and with his team has introduced modern management and production techniques and systems to make Anglo Recycling a business whose performance now matches any in its sector in the North West"

READING GROUP DONATE TO FRIENDS OF WHITWORTH LIBRARY

Once again the Monday Evening Reading Group have donated to Friends of Whitworth Library as their chosen charity for the year. The reading group decided to donate to this wonderful cause once again as it was felt that they do so much good work for the local community.

Members of the reading group attended the library for a cream tea and informative talk by Rossendale Hospice organised by Friends of Whitworth Library. After the talk they donated the £70 collected from their members to Sue and Val organisers.

The picture shows members of the reading group passing the donation to Sue and Val from Friends of Whitworth Library.



If anyone would like to join the Monday Evening Reading Group, please contact Jill on 07539 001001

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GALLERY AT THE BATH

The **Gallery at the Baths** is currently showing some lovely artwork by the pupils of St Bartholomew's School – which will be followed by:

November 22	Whitworth Wildlife – photos by Mike Burgess
December 13	Whitworth Vale and Healey Band
January 3	Friends of Whitworth Library
January 24	Artwork from Tonacliffe School
February 14	Whitworth Horticultural Society and Whitworth in Bloom

Meanwhile, at little sister **Gallery at the Library** the current show features artwork from Our Lady and St Anselm School, to be followed by:

November 22	St Bartholomew's School
December 13	Whitworth Wildlife – photos by Mike Burgess
January 3	Whitworth Vale and Healey Band
January 24	Friends of Whitworth Library
February 14	Artwork from St Anne's School, Edgeside

CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

As we draw towards the end of the year the committee would like to thank all who continue to support events and activities arranged for fund raising. Since the last magazine an afternoon tea held at Lobden raised £750. Thanks to Marie, her team and Claire for their organisation and hard work. St Anselm's schools fund raising has been outstanding reaching a total of £3808 more on this in next edition.



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The next event is a meal at the Ashoka on Thursday 28th November at 8pm. This is followed by the annual carol concert at Riverside on Sunday 1st Dec at 7pm featuring Whitworth youth and senior bands. Always a great starter for the festive season and where the funds raised are handed over to cancer research. Tickets available from numbers below or Riverside 854130. A meal will also be held at Il Pepe Nero date to be arranged in January. The committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. We are always on the lookout for new members and any new ideas for fund raising. If you would like to know more about the work of the committee attend any events or donate to the local group please ring Michael Whitby 852613 or Elaine Bagshaw 853935.

WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

Plans are in full swing for several forthcoming outings and social events, the first being a trip to York St Mary's on 16th October to the Van Gogh Exhibition, a multi-media experience telling Van Gogh's life. December will be a busy month with the Christmas Party on 4th December at Berni Inn and on 19th December a visit to the RHS Garden Harlow Carr which will be all aglow as special lighting effects bring a touch of magic to the most northerly RHS Garden. The various special interest groups will also be celebrating the festive season. So far the Flower Arrangers are making Christmas wreathes and table decorations, the Walking Group are planning their next programme of walks over brunch at Horse Carrs and the History Group are planning a Christmas Lunch.



New members are welcome at the monthly meetings which are held at The Riverside on the first Wednesday of the month at 1.00 pm. Annual membership is £15 and members' meetings are £2 for room hire, speaker and refreshments. Anyone interested may attend two meetings before joining.

A full list of speakers, contact details and interest groups, can be found on our Facebook page and website (u3asites.org.uk/whitworth).

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND

The bands recent success at Contests continued on 6th October with victory at the prestigious Bolsover entertainment contest in Derbyshire. They also won best soloist with Ian Peters on Eb Bass. A great reward for all the hard work.

Christmas is now upon us and the Youth Band will open events with the Christmas lights switch on, on Sunday 24th November. The annual carol concert for cancer research takes place on Sunday 1st December tickets are available from number below or Riverside on 854130.

Other events below:

Wed 4th December	Christ church Healey 7pm Youth band
Wed 11th December	Riddiough Court 7pm youth band
Mon 16th December	Civic carol service Riverside 7pm youth band
Wednesday 18th December	Barley View 7pm youth band
Saturday 21st December	Band will be playing outside Co Op



The Senior Band will be playing concerts all around the Rochdale Bury and Heywood areas and at least 4 at Rochdale masonic club hopefully fitting in street playing around the village in between weather permitting.

The band would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year and thank everyone for their support at concerts.

For information about any events or if you wish to book the band or would like your child to learn how to play an instrument please ring Michael Whitby on 01706 852613.



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Whitworth Museum has commenced its popular Winter Talks programme; call in for a full programme or visit the website for details. The talks are held on the first Wednesday of each month and run from October through to the following June. Entry is free but donations, which contribute directly towards the upkeep of the museum, are always welcome. Some of the upcoming lectures are listed below.

This year the programme is supplemented by two special events. At 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd November 2019 there will be an evening of photographic slides, film and sound recordings, most of which are from the Society's collection. Together this material provides "A Glimpse into Whitworth's Past". The event will be held at Hallfold United Reformed Church in Hall Street. Tickets, available from the museum or by 'phone 01706 344894, are £5 and include light refreshments. On 7th December 2019 will be the Christmas Coffee Morning held at the museum between 11.00am and 2.00pm. The 3rd Whitworth Rainbows & Brownies will attend around lunchtime to sing Christmas carols and a few of their own favourite Christmas songs. A range of cards, small gifts and souvenirs will be on sale for those visitors who still have a few presents to buy

Dated 1878, a Measham or Barge Ware teapot once belonging to Mary Dearden of Millgate. One of the many items of local interest to be found in Whitworth Museum.]



Monthly talks are usually held on the first Wednesday in every month, between the months of October and June, and the start time is 7.30pm. Below is a list of talks to be held before the next issue of the Whitworth Valley News.

- December 4th 2019 **'MY LIFE AT HARRODS - INSIDER'S STORY'** by Maxine Jaager
Maxine gives a sometimes humorous insight into the 'behind the scenes' workings of this famous, and expensive, Knightsbridge store without the need to take out your purse or wallet.
- January 8th 2020 **'FROM STREET URCHIN TO ESTABLISHMENT MAN'** by Andy O'Sullivan MBE, BEM
Former policeman Andy has received over 20 commendations for his work in the force and gives us an account of his own personal journey through his impressive working career.
- February 5th 2020 **'120 YEARS OF ELLEN SMITH'** by Paul Targett
Ellen Smith's motor coaches have been a familiar sight in the Rochdale area for 120 years now and many of us, particularly in the 1950's and 60's, enjoyed their holiday tours to various parts of Britain. The company remains strong and its history interesting.
- March 4th 2020 **'THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN' - 80TH ANNIVERSARY** by Brian Furness
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A freshly stocked Salad bar means you can select your own salad or pasta box (gluten free pasta also available) or filling for tea cakes, French sticks and doorstep sandwiches or as a side with a jacket potato. There's lots to choose from including home roast meats, seafood and cheeses (vegan too). A daily specials board features Lasagne, Ham, egg and chips, omelettes and more, with a senior citizens menu offering smaller portions at a good price.

The takeaway packaging is eco-friendly and biodegradable so you can take away your freshly ground coffee with a clear conscience or bring your refillable mug in for a top up.

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Whitworth's Official...
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON!

Sunday 24 November 2019

6pm Father Christmas will arrive at the outdoor stage followed by the competition presentation and the switch on

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- 10:30 – 12:00 **Ages and Stages** Children and Family Wellbeing Service (0 – 5 years).
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Knit and Natter** All welcome!
- 18:00 – 18:45 **Bedtime Story** - every last Monday of the month (18 months - 8 years).

Tuesdays

- 10:00 – 12:00 **Lighthouse Coffee Morning** All welcome!
- 10:00 – 12:30 **Scrabble Club** Great company and good fun – why not join us?
- 10:00 – 12:00 **U3A Family History Group** 3rd Tuesday of month. T. 01706 750542 (Glenda) for info.
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Storytime Session with themed crafts** (18 months - 5 years).
- 15:30 – 17:00 **U3A Wellbeing** 1st Tuesday of month. T. 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info.

Wednesdays

- 10:00 – 11:30 **Baby Group** Children and Family Wellbeing Service (birth - 12 months).
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Up and Active Health Walk** Meet at the library for an accessible walk and a brew.
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Junior Group** Children and Family Wellbeing Service (7 – 11 years).
- 18:00 – 19:00 **Mature Movers and Groovers** Dance with Sheila Daly (07762 757925). £5 donation.
- 19:00 – 20:30 **Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation** with Sheila Daly (07762 757925). £5 per session.

Thursdays

- 09.30 – 11.30 **IT Clinic** Personalised IT support – please speak to librarians.
- 10:00 – 11:30 **Shared Reading Group** All welcome!
- 10:00 – 12:00 **The A Team** Supporting learning disabilities. Email: melanie_ashman@yahoo.com
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Up and Active Health Walk** Meet at Stubblylee Park café for an accessible walk.
- 13:30 – 15:30 **U3A Art Group** 1st Thurs of mth, practice session. T. 07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info.
- 13:30 – 15:30 **U3A Art Group** 3rd Thurs of mth, follow-up. T. 07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info.
- 13:30 – 15:30 **U3A Flower Arranging** 3rd Thursday of month. T. 07411 520771 (Nina) for info.
- 14:00 – 15:00 **U3A Creative Writing** 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008 (Kay) for info.
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Bookworms Reading Group** (for adults). 2nd Thursday of month.
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Rossendale Hospice Support Group** for people in palliative care and their families. 1 to 1 available after one hour's group session. 3rd Thurs of month. Start date T.B.C.
- 14:00 – 16:00 **U3A History** on 4th Thursday of month. T. 01706 875585 (Jackie) for info.

Fridays

- 10:15 – 11:30 **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 18 months).
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Afternoon Tea** on last Friday of month - with guest speakers. Everyone welcome!
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Crafty Sew and Sews** Next sessions Friday 6th December, no class in January, Friday 7th February. All welcome!

Saturdays

- 10:30 – 12:30 **Lego Club** (for all ages).
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Whitworth Wellbeing Group** For more information, please email Jodie at: whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com

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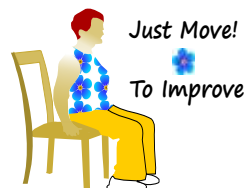
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KEEPING SAFE IN WINTER WEATHER

The Town Council works alongside Rossendale Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Together Housing, Homestart Rossendale, the NHS and the emergency services to keep people safe and maintain services in the event of severe winter weather.

1. Keep warm

Heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F). You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer. Keep your bedroom window closed on a winter's night. Breathing in cold air can increase the risk of chest infections.

2. Get financial support

There are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to make your home more energy efficient, improve your heating or help with bills. View the Keep Warm Keep Well booklet online to learn more www.gov.uk/phe/keep-warm

3. Look after yourself

- Contact your GP to get your free flu jab if you are aged 65 or over, live in a residential or nursing home, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person. NHS Choices provides information about flu. Visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/ to learn more.
- Don't delay in getting treatment for minor winter ailments like colds or sore throats. Visit your local pharmacist for advice on treatment before it gets worse so you can recover quicker.
- Layer your clothing whether you are indoors or outside. Wrap a scarf around your mouth to protect your lungs from the cold air.
- Wear shoes with a good grip if you need to go outside.
- When you're indoors, try not to sit still for more than an hour or so. Get up, stretch your legs and make yourself a warm drink.
- Have your heating and cooking appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered engineer to make sure they are operating safely.
- Contact your water and power suppliers to see if you can be on the Priority Services Register, a service for older and disabled people.
- For more information about how to stay warm and well in winter visit Age UK's website www.ageuk.org.uk/winterprep or call 0800 587 0668.

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OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

- Together Housing: tel 0300 555 5556
- Whitworth Town Council: see contact details on outer back page
- Visit www.nhs.uk/keepwarmkeepwell
- Local weather and traffic reports on BBC Radio Lancashire (95.5FM and 103.9FM)

Finally, don't forget: if you have an elderly or vulnerable person living close to you, please check on them during the cold winter months – it really can make a huge difference. Thank you

KEEPING WHITWORTH SAFE



Heidi Kirkbright continues to be the dedicated Police Community Support Officer for Whitworth, dealing with lower level crime and ASB, being supported by local police officers. Please remember though, that to report an emergency it is 999.



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KEEP YOUR CAR SAFE

Thieves often target owners' car keys or keyless technology key fobs to gain access to their vehicles. Here is some advice from Crimestoppers about how to avoid being a victim of this crime. Car thieves often break into the owner's home just to get their keys or key fob; here are some tips to keep your car safe:

- Keep your car keys or key fob out of sight
- Store them somewhere safe
- Use extra security systems such as immobilisers and visible security locks
- On keyless cars, use an old-fashioned steering wheel lock to deter thieves
- Use a driveway parking post or a wheel clamp
- Keep key fobs far away from doors and windows

How do criminals gain access to a keyless car?

- Trying the car's door handles first (some models can remain unlocked if the owner's key fob is nearby)
- Breaking a car window to gain access
- Capturing the key fob signal and transmitting it to a receiver, which is then used to unlock the car
- Jamming the signal from the owner's key fob to the car. The owner thinks they have locked the car, but haven't.

However they get into a car, they can then plug in a hand-held 'key fob' programmer into the car's on-board diagnostics (OBD) port. Once their fob is programmed, which can take less than 15 seconds, the thief has control of the car. These 'key fob' programmers are freely and legally available on the internet, and car makers are obliged by law to allow access to the OBD.

Targeting high value cars

Criminal gangs often target expensive models, as they can sell them abroad or break them up for parts relatively easily. Some rarer and more expensive models are stolen to order. Whilst most of these models have in-built tracking systems, the police often only have a couple of hours from when a car is stolen to track it down, before it is disabled by the thieves.

Hide your valuables

Thieves also break into cars just to steal the contents. So make sure that your valuable items are left out of sight or are locked in the boot.

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NEW PLAY AREA FOR WHITWORTH

Good progress is being made with the plans for a new play area. 15 sites were considered and after consulting residents, local groups, councillors and council officers, Proffitts have managed to whittle the preferred general site to Spodden Valley.

To get to this general site the following were considered:

- residents comments
- proximity to local people
- distance from current play and sports facilities
- proximity to local shops and other amenities
- proximity to schools and nurseries
- access such as bus routes, main road and cycle route
- probability of benefiting a local business



A mood board of natural play ideas being used to inspire the new play area planning

Now Proffitts will take time to consider factors for that locality. The team will continue to consult Lancashire Wildlife Trust for steer and direction to ensure that the plans do not have a negative effect on the wildlife area, in fact the project could start to enhance the natural environment. An ecologist has been employed to carry out several surveys - biodiversity, bat and tree to inform if the site is suitable for play or not and which areas would have little or no impact.

The plan is to be very considerate and incorporate natural materials, such as rope, wood and boulders, throughout. It wouldn't be fenced, nor would a rubber type play surfacing be used as it just wouldn't be appropriate for that public space. The play opportunity would blend in beautifully to the existing environment and allow children and families to connect with and use all their senses to understand nature as they play in it and engage with it. The project would also hope to tackle areas of overgrowth, path improvements, signage and remove patches of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.

Watch out in the next issue for an update once the guidance and recommendations have been received from the ecologists.

CROOK HILL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND 2020

The local Crook Hill Community Fund will once again have approximately £35,000 available for community projects in 2020. The Fund has been operating since 2016 and has already supported over 50 local projects.

This year alone saw fifteen local groups celebrating their selection to receive a share of the £43,000 which was available in 2019. To be in with a chance of being awarded funding in 2020 groups need to apply before **12th February 2020**. Decisions will be announced in April 2020. Projects need to be located within 5km of the Crook Hill wind farm and grants between £250 and £10,000 are available.

Monies are provided by Crook Hill Wind Farm which is managed by independent investment firm, Vantage Infrastructure, with support of Partnerships for Renewables. The Fund is being administered by national charity GrantScape. For full details and to apply visit www.grantscape.org.uk or call the GrantScape team on 01908 247630.

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WHITWORTH AND HEALEY VALE BAND CLUB

As Lancashire and West Pennines CAMRA Club of the year, Whitworth Band Club are in the top 16 nationally and awaiting the announcement in November of the “super” finalists for club of the year... the last 4. Traditional beers from a variety of local and national brewers are always available, or try out the gin selection. Current beer selection shown on the clubs facebook page.

Regular fortnightly quizzes continue on Sundays; check the notice board, website or facebook page for dates. Karaoke with Jay generally takes place on the last Sunday of each month. In addition to regular singers and musical groups appearing free over weekends, on the last Sunday before Christmas there will be a carol service led by the Brass Band.

Though a member's club all are made welcome. Club rooms are available, generally free of charge, for use by societies and local groups. Contact Stewards on 01706 852484.

HEALEY CARE

Healey Care have had a busy time this summer with an open day at their new care home, Oakenshaw. The event was well attended by families, friends and members of the local community. There was great music, face painting & balloon modelling and fabulous food.



Healey Care are now sponsoring Whitworth Valley U7's football team.

Come along to the Healey Care Christmas fair in aid of Christies. It is happening on the 29th November at Holt Mill, Lloyd St, Whitworth from 10am to 12.30. There will be lots of stalls, £1 entry with complimentary hot drink and mince pie.

WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL TACKLES MOTORBIKERS

In October, members of the Town Council arranged a meeting with the anti-social behaviour officer of Together Housing to consider ways to reduce the upset caused to residents by a small number of local people acting anti-socially by riding illegal off-road motorbikes on the greenways and public highway in Whitworth.

This was one of several meetings that are taking place with different agencies including Lancashire County Council and the police to find a solution to the problem.

In the meantime, councillors would like to appeal to the families of these individuals that their actions are causing upset and stress and could potentially lead to a dangerous accident.

WHITWORTH TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

WHITWORTH CHRISTMAS TREES ON BRACKETS UPDATE

As you know, the Tourism and Leisure Committee have been on a mission to light up Whitworth at Christmas time. Luckily, they have Les, a volunteer who gets stuck in each year to encourage more people to put a lit tree on the outside of their property. Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee install Christmas Trees at a subsidised cost to properties around Whitworth for £27.50 to spread the festive cheer throughout the village. The plan is to install the trees before the Christmas Lights Switch On, however this can be affected by the delivery date of the trees and the weather conditions.

The deadline has now passed to have a tree from Les but the Tourism and Leisure Committee would like to encourage anyone who is able to install their own tree to help out with the plan to light Whitworth up. If you need a suitable tree bracket, get in touch, we have a couple on order. All you then need is a 3 – 4ft living Christmas tree and a set of lights. There is a limit to how many trees the committee can install but if residents were to also get involved, where they are able to, it would make the main road look incredible.

The committee would like to say a massive thank-you to Les and his team of voluntary helpers as they make such a difference in our town. If you want to be considered for a tree in future years, please contact Les Hirst (07966 583401 and leshirst147@gmail.com)



A similar project in Titchfield, if you have a great photo of Whitworth Christmas Trees on Brackets we would love to see it and possibly use it for future promotion

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The Official Whitworth Christmas Lights Switch On is a popular family event which will begin at 6pm on Sunday 24th November with people arriving outside the Riverside for a short prize giving on the outdoor stage before the lights switch on. Public will then be invited inside for entertainment by the Whitworth Vale and Healey Youth Band. A certain 'man in red' will arrive in his amazing grotto on the indoor stage and children will be invited to visit and receive their free Christmas gift.

Because the stage is going to be outside we are going to have to stop people entering and leaving the carpark between 5.45pm and 6.45pm, if you are planning to arrive or leave between these times please walk to the event or park nearby on Market Street. You are welcome to use the Riverside carpark for the event if you arrive by 5.45pm and do not leave until after 6.45pm.



The Riverside will be serving a glass of mulled wine or mulled cider and a mince pie for a small charge, with kid's refreshments also available. 2020 Whitworth calendars will be on sale and ducks will be available to sponsor for the New Year's Day Duck Race. Entry to this event is free, and all are welcome.

The evening is expected to draw to a natural close around 7.00pm. For more details, contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk at Whitworth Town Council, on 01706 852018 / email: info@whitworth.gov.uk or phone the Riverside direct on 01706 854130.



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The 2019 event was another superb weekend of racing. Starting at Lee Quarry the riders make the climb to a high point of the quarry with incredible views over the countryside, before dropping into a series of fast berms. With the legs now warmed up the riders transitioned across the top of the quarry to stage 2, Janduro at Facit. This stage starts high up in the trees it featured a narrow off camber chute, into a fun flowy bench cut trail with hips, hucks and rollers. The midsection features an evil rocky uphill section after a long straight sprint. The lower section returns to the steeps, with a rocky and loamy trail twisting through the trees. The stage is fast and mostly flows for those in control. The big transition across the moors is a unique part of this event, climbing up and passing through 3 windfarms can get windy, but the views are superb as you traverse the Lancashire / Yorkshire border. Your reward, however, is hitting Havok Bike Park. Here we have dark, enclosed, pine forest trails. Plenty of loam and claggy tyres, technical sections, wet roots and steep descents. Throw in a bucket load of tables, drops and senders and you know you are up for some serious fun! The Havok dig teams have constructed some epic trails which demand a high level of respect.



The organisers take every care to ensure that the quarry is returned to it's original state after every event. They plan to put up signs in the lead up to the 2020 event to notify residents about the upcoming event.

SETTING ACHIEVABLE TARGETS TO DE-STRESS

Setting realistic goals is incredibly motivating and de-stressing. Write down all the things that you need to do within a day; Dean Fraser is a Stress and Wellbeing Consultant with clinics in Burnley and Accrington. Dean says "I have been doing this for quite a few decades. Every single night before I even contemplate sleep or going to bed, I jot down a list of all the actions I need to take the following day. When I get up in the morning, I then know exactly what I have got to do.

If every task we must perform is written down in a list, they can be ticked-off one by one as they are achieved, that is incredibly motivating. I can speak from personal experience here. And this is a majorly de-stressing thing to do, write lists, because we know exactly those tasks we need to perform each day."

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SCHOOL REPORT

“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE... THERE IS NO PLANET B”

Did you know that St John with St Michael CE Primary School have obtained Eco-School England Bronze and Silver status and are in the process of applying for the Green Flag status? **The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.**

They held an Environmental Awareness week and based each day on a specific environmental issue.

MARINE MONDAY – Plastic Pollution in the oceans

TURN OFF TUESDAY – Energy and Waste

WATER WEDNESDAY – Exploring wasting less water, fatbergs and the water is cool in school campaign where each child has been provided with a refillable water bottle made from recycled materials.

TRANSPORT THURSDAY – Safer Travel, Carbon Footprint and walking to school

BIODIVERSITY FRIDAY – Gardening, wildlife and greening grey areas

The School Council and the Eco-School Council work throughout the year to ensure that pupils voice is heard and that matters concerning them about local and wider issues are acted upon. Small changes make a big difference.

SCHOOL ARE LOOKING FOR ANY LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR TOWARDS THE COSTS OF GREEN FLAG STATUS for more information please email n.kenyon@sjsm.lancs.sch.uk

St John with St Michael have also recently purchased a beehive from The Bee Centre with sponsorship from Jackson UK.



UK PARLIAMENT WEEK 2019 CELEBRATED IN WHITWORTH

Whitworth Town Council hosted the four Whitworth primary schools, for an event to mark UK Parliament Week.

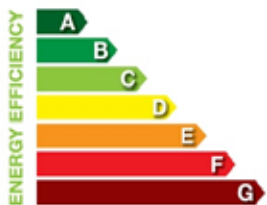
UK Parliament Week is a UK-wide festival which took place from 2-8 November this year. The event aims to engage young people, from different backgrounds and communities, with the UK Parliament and empower them to get involved.

This is a great opportunity to be part of a thriving democracy, ask questions, think critically and engage with the UK Parliament. Schools, museums, libraries, faith communities and youth organisations representing every constituency across the United Kingdom have already signed up to be part of the conversation.

Councillor Lynda Barnes, Mayor of Whitworth said: “We were excited to join communities across the country involved in UK Parliament Week 2019 and pleased to get more young people in Whitworth involved in playing a vital role in their democracy. The four primary schools sent representatives along to the council chambers on Thursday 7th November to debate what can be done in Whitworth to reduce the effects of climate change.”

In 2018, UK Parliament Week reached almost 1 million people, with more than 8,100 activities. This year's UK Parliament Week festival is expected to be the largest ever.





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Saturday 14th December	Community Carol Singing at the Co-op at 10.30am
Sunday 15th December	St Bart's, Carol Service in church at 3pm
Sunday 22nd December	St John's, Holy Communion with carols in church at 9.15am
Tuesday 24th December	St John's, Crib Service in church at 6.30pm
(Christmas Eve)	St John's, Midnight Communion in Church at 11.30pm
Wednesday 25th December	St Bart's, Holy Communion in church at 9.30am
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Hallfold United Reformed Church in Hall Street is looking forward to its usual seasonal events. The first of these is the **Christmas Tree Festival** which will be held on Saturday 16th November between 10am and 2pm. There will be stalls and the kitchen will be serving light lunches. The following Saturday, 23rd November at 7.30pm, is **"A Glimpse into Whitworth's Past"**; an evening of slides, film and sound recordings presented by Whitworth Historical Society. The tickets for this event are £5, including refreshments and can be purchased from either the museum or by 'phoning 01706 344894. On Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm the church will be holding its **Candlelight Service**. An evening when the church will look its most festive. Another event guaranteed to make you feel festive will be the return of **Rochdale Festival Choir**. It will be presenting its Christmas Concert on Saturday 14th December at 7pm. Tickets are £7. For more information or to book tickets phone 01706 356109 or 01706 344894.



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	6.30pm - 8pm	Shotokan Karate
Thursdays	8pm last Thursday in every month	Model Flying Club
Fridays	10.30am - 12.00	Community Drop In. Drop in for tea, coffee and toast (and a natter!) all welcome

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